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Complaint lodged with UN against Iranian attack

## Kuwait reserves right to retaliate

UNITED NATIONS, April 1. (Agencies): Kuwait in a complaint to the UN has accused Iran of attacking its island of Bubiyan in the northern Gulf and reserved the right to retaliate against any aggression.

In a letter to Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Kuwaiti UN representative Mohammad Abulhasan said three Iranian gunboats earlier in the day opened fire with machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades against military posts on Bubiyan island, wounding two Kuwaiti military personnel.

Patrolling troops returned fire at the boats, forcing them to retreat, the ambassador said.

### Tense

"This violation of Kuwait's security and sovereignty will increase the already tense situation in the area, and shall lead to adverse consequences for the stability and security of the region," Abulhasan said.

"Kuwait reserves the right to retaliate against any aggression on its territories or sovereignty," he added.

Perez de Cuellar said yesterday he was firmly of the view that the hostilities in the Iraq-Iran war should not be extended and that the territorial integrity of third countries in the area should not be violated.

He was responding to the letter



A bunker hit by Iranian gunfire

addressed to him by Abulhasan.

Iran has denied the attack.

Abulhasan said he had urged the Security Council members, especially the five permanent ones, to take all the necessary measures to guarantee that this was not repeated.

Abulhasan said the council members showed total understanding and expressed their

determination to support the integrity and stability of Kuwait.

Kuwait has denied Iranian accusations that it allows Iraqi forces to use Bubiyan, a few miles from the southern war theatre.

Kuwait's Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, yesterday visited Bubiyan island and reaffirmed the country's readiness to repel aggression.

"The instructions (to the armed forces) are quite clear in dealing with any unknown target in defence of our land and people," Sheikh Nawaf told personnel manning the site.

Sheikh Nawaf listened to a report by the commander of the garrison on the island.

He vowed "we will not be lenient toward anyone who tries to

undermine our sovereignty or attack our military or civilian positions."

Sheikh Nawaf, who was accompanied by the Army commanders, praised the reaction of the garrison in dealing with the Iranian boats and said: "We will stand together in protecting our beloved country against any foreign aggression."

Sheikh Nawaf, who visited the two victims of the Iranian aggression at Al-Addan hospital accompanied by the Chief of General Staff, Major General Mezeid Abdul-Rahman Al Sanei, said that the condition of the wounded calls for no alarm.



Sheikh Nawaf talking to one of the injured soldiers.

prevent further clashes with Iran.

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### Prevent

The injured said their wounds are medals of honour on their chests for defending Kuwait and vowed to make the same sacrifice for the country as soon as they recover, the minister quoted the injured as saying.

Kuwait hopes diplomacy will

prevent further clashes with Iran.

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Only last week, Sheikh Sabah described relations with Iran as good and said Kuwait would resume diplomatic representation in Tehran as soon as Iran and Iraq stopped bombing each other's cities.

Kuwait came close to breaking relations with Tehran last year when Iran fired seven Silkworm missiles at Kuwaiti oil installations. The missiles are believed to have been fired from the Faw peninsula, which Iran captured from Iraq two years ago.

Kuwait withdrew its

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### Man kills daughter

A 70-year-old man stabbed his 30-year-old daughter in Rawda on Thursday night. The woman died before reaching hospital. Police in Adeliyah are investigating the crime.

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### Man kills daughter

○ Pakistan's foreign minister

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## INTERNATIONAL

400,000 books  
burned in  
Soviet fire

MOSCOW, April 1, (AP): The head of the Soviet culture fund described a fire that burned 400,000 old books and periodicals as a "national disaster" and bitterly criticised library administrators for trying to hide the loss.

Historian Dmitri Likhachev, a widely respected 81-year-old scholar, demanded that the director and deputy director of the Academy of Science Library in Leningrad be fired for lying about the size of the loss and delaying serious restoration work.

His comments were in a page-long article published in March 18 edition of the weekly *Knizhnoye Obozreniye*, which the Associated Press obtained today.

## Disaster

The Feb 14 fire "can rightly be called a national disaster," Likhachev said. "Our culture has suffered a huge loss."

The Academy of Science Library began collecting books, manuscripts and periodicals in 1714, and for more than 200 years was located in a building on Leningrad's Vasilievsky island. In the 1920s it was moved to a new building built especially for it on the island.

Likhachev's article was the most serious and alarming of several that have appeared in the Soviet press since the fire, and was particularly striking for its bitter tone.

## Award for exposing misuse of funds by television evangelists

## Charlotte Observer wins Pulitzer

NEW YORK, April 1, (Reuter): The Charlotte Observer newspaper, which exposed the misuse of funds by television evangelists Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker's PTL ministry, on Thursday won the 1988 Pulitzer prize for public service. American journalism's highest award.

The year's best play award went to Alfred Uhry for "Driving Miss Daisy" and Toni Morrison, much respected black woman novelist, won the fiction award for "Beloved."

New York Times correspondent Thomas Friedman won the international reporting award for his coverage of Israel.

## Investigation

In 1983 he shared the same award for his coverage of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

The Wall Street Journal won two awards while the general news reporting award was shared by two newspapers.

The Philadelphia Inquirer's Tim Weiner won the national reporting award for a series on a

with the Lawrence, Mass., Eagle-Tribune.

The Alabama Journal won for an investigation of the state's unusually high infant mortality rate, which prompted legislation to combat the problem.

The Lawrence Eagle-Tribune staff won for an investigation that revealed serious flaws in the Massachusetts prisoner release programme.

Daniel Hertzberg and James Stewart of the Wall Street Journal won the explanatory journalism award for stories about an investment banker charged for insider trading and the critical day that followed the October 19, 1987, "Black Monday" stock market crash.

Walt Bogdanich of the Wall Street Journal won the specialized reporting award for a series on faulty testing by American medical laboratories.

The Philadelphia Inquirer's Tim Weiner won the national reporting award for a series on a



Thomas Friedman

secret defence department budget used by the government to sponsor defence research and an arms build-up. Weiner's series was also a finalist in the explanatory journalism category.

The Chicago Tribune's Dean

## Violin fetches £473,000

LONDON, April 1, (AP): A 1709 Stradivarius named in honour of English concert violinist Marie Hall fetched £473,000 (\$889,240) at Sotheby's sale yesterday, the highest auction price ever paid for a musical instrument.

The violin, acquired by Marie Hall in 1905, was bought by an

unidentified South American dealer, Sotheby's reported. The dealer beat out two other foreign rivals bidding by telephone in a tense, two-minute auction.

The previous highest auction price for a violin by Italian craftsman Antonio Stradivari was £440,000 (\$728,000).

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Avalanche

ISLAMABAD, April 1, (AP): Authorities have recovered 39 bodies from an avalanche that crushed a remote mountain village earlier this week in northern Pakistan, the government-run Associated Press of Pakistan reported today.

APP said 11 people still may be buried in the Arundu village high in the Karakoram mountain range.

Seven people, including two children, were rescued after the massive snow-slide destroyed the village, the agency said.

## McMahon dies

SYDNEY, April 1, (AP): Sir William McMahon, a former prime minister, died yesterday after a long battle with cancer. He was 80.

McMahon died early yesterday at St Luke's Hospital in Sydney and was cremated in a private service shortly afterward, family members said.

McMahon served as prime minister and head of the Liberal Party in 1971-72, and previously headed the treasury and foreign affairs department.

**Saudis deny they want US ambassador replaced**

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Officer Anita Stockman said last night that she was unaware of the Saudi request.

Saudi Arabia, an ally of Iraq's, says it needed the missiles to protect itself in case of a further escalation in the Iran-Iraq war, especially in view of Iranian threats.

But US officials say the Saudis bought the missiles in frustration over repeated attempts by the US Congress to block American arms sales.

The kingdom began negotiating the deal with the Chinese in 1985, after Congress blocked the sale of 48 F-15 jet fighters to Saudi Arabia. Congress late last year agreed to sell the Saudis 24 F-15s in order to maintain Saudi air strength at its current levels.

The CSS-2 rockets, US officials say, are not yet operational.

In London, British Foreign Office Minister David Mellor and Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa have discussed Saudi Arabia's purchase of the missiles, a Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday.

Meanwhile, Bahrain and Pakistan said Saudi Arabia by acquiring the Chinese missiles for defence of its national security had exercised its sovereign right which cannot be challenged.

**Iraq declares 3-day truce in war of cities**

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Before leaving Ankara, Ozal said recent news reports suggesting the possibility of Turkish military intervention in northeast Iraq to save the Kirkuk oilfields were "pure speculation."

"Turkey has enough territory," he told reporters at Ankara airport. "We are not after an adventure. I want everyone to know this very clearly."

Ozal was greeted on arrival at the airport in Baghdad by first Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, with whom he will hold talks on economic cooperation between the two countries.

He probably will meet later in his visit with President Saddam Hussein. Ozal reportedly will leave on Sunday evening.

Baquet, William Gaines and Ann-Marie Lipinski won the investigative reporting award for a series detailing the self-interest and waste that plague Chicago's city council.

David Herbert Donald won the Pulitzer for biography for his book "Look Homeward: A Life of Thomas Wolfe" and the general fiction award went to Richard Rhodes for "The Making of the Atomic Bomb."

The history award went to Robert Bruce for "The Launching of Modern American Science 1846-1876."

William Bolcom won the Pulitzer prize for music for his "12 New Etudes for Piano."

The poetry award went to William Meredith for his work "Partial Accounts."

The award for newspaper feature writing went to Jacqui Banaszynski of the St Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press despatch for an account of the life and death of an AIDS victim in a rural

farm community.

Acerbic Washington Post television critic Tom Shales won the Pulitzer for criticism while Jane Healy of the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel won for editorial writing for a series protesting overdevelopment of a local county.

## Humour

Dave Barry of the Miami Herald won the Pulitzer for commentary for "his consistently effective use of humour as a device for presenting fresh insights into serious concerns."

The editorial cartooning award went to Doug Marlette of the Atlanta Constitution and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Michel Ducille of the Miami Herald won the feature photography award for photos showing a housing project overrun by drug dealers and a spot news photography award went to Scott Shaw of the Odessa (Texas) American for his photograph of the child Jessica McClure being rescued from the well into which she had fallen.

Meese said the investigation uncovered a Sicilian Mafia plan in which cocaine was exported from different points in the United States to Switzerland and Italy. From those countries, it was exchanged for a southwest Asian heroin that then was smuggled back to the United States, he said.

## Authorities hit Sicilian Mafia drug ring

## 130 detained in US and Italy

equals about 2.2 pounds.

US authorities seized six kilograms of heroin and four kilograms of cocaine during the course of the investigation. Italian authorities seized 22 kilograms of heroin last month.

The investigation began two years ago and grew out of a 1983 drug case that came to be called the "Pizza Connection," which grew out of an FBI investigation of the Bonanno Mafia family in New York. Thirty-five members of the Sicilian Mafia were indicted in New York as a result of the "Pizza Connection" investigation.

## Skills

In Bangkok, narcotics officials said today that American drug dealers are lending their entrepreneurial skills to Thailand's blossoming marijuana trade, providing money, transportation and streamlined processing to help farmers boost their illicit production.

A lot of Thailand's marijuana is produced with US technical assistance, and it is one of the areas where our transfer of technology and private entrepreneurship is the best," a Western narcotics official said.

"American marijuana dealers come over to Thailand, provide money, seed, fertilizer and induce Thai farmers to grow marijuana," said the official, who asked not to be identified.

Maj. Gen. Chawalit Yodman, head of the Thai office of Narcotics Control Board, agreed that outside assistance may be boosting production.

## Bald Japanese seek miracle cure in China

BEIJING, April 1, (AP): For about \$3,000, Japanese tourists can see the Great Wall, eat Peking duck and grow hair with Zhao Zhanqiang's magic hair-restoring potion.

Ninety-eight bald and thin-haired Japanese arrived today by bus at Zhao's clinic at the Jinsong hospital in eastern Beijing for their first treatment with 101 hair limiment, a liquid made from 30 secret herbal medicines.

They are the second Japanese group, following 20 who arrived in February, to come to China on a 388,000-yen (\$3,100) package tour that includes treatment at the clinic.

Among the first 20, "some have already started to grow hair," said Kenichi Morita, President of China-Japan treatment headquarters, a private Tokyo medical firm sponsoring the tour.

Most of the Japanese said they had signed up for the trip after reading in newspapers about 101, which Zhao, a former farmer with only six years of formal education, developed after 10 years of private research.

Dr. Liu Qirong, the chief of 12 dermatologists at the clinic, said they have treated about 2,700

## 7 killed, 18 hurt in blast near Afghan border

## 2 die in US fighter crash

ISLAMABAD, April 1, (AP): A bomb deposited in a poultry shop near the Afghan border exploded, killing seven people and injuring 18, the official government newspaper reported today.

Also yesterday, two other people were killed and two were wounded in another frontier village by incoming Afghan artillery rounds, the English-language Pakistan Times said.

The bombing occurred in the northwestern village of Sadaa when a man purchased a hen and then asked the shop owner to keep the bird and a parcel for him while he finished his shopping, the Times said.

The man has not been apprehended and no group claimed responsibility, the paper said. Pakistani officials have blamed a series of terrorist bombings over the past two years on agents of Afghanistan's Soviet-backed government.

In Rome, Pope John Paul II washed and kissed the feet of 12 elderly priests yesterday in a ritual commemorating Christ's gesture of humility toward his apostles at the Last Supper on the night before he was crucified.

Villagers say the Philippines' first crucifixion was in San Pedro Cutud in 1962 but the tradition of flagellants marching through the streets barefoot, wearing hoods and thorn crowns dates back to the arrival of Spanish missionaries in the 1500s.

In Rome, Pope John Paul II washed and kissed the feet of 12 elderly priests yesterday in a ritual commemorating Christ's gesture of humility toward his apostles at the Last Supper on the night before he was crucified.

The Pope poured water on, dried and kissed the right foot of each of the priests from the diocese of Rome during the Holy Thursday mass in Rome's basilica of St. John in Lateran, his cathedral church in his capacity as Bishop of Rome.

In occupied Jerusalem hundreds of Christian pilgrims crowded the narrow streets of the old city, carrying wooden crosses and singing psalms along the via Dolorosa to commemorate Good Friday.

Both of yesterday's attacks occurred in semi-autonomous districts ruled by Pashin tribal clans that are normally off limits to Pakistani police and military. They are also the main staging areas for Afghan guerrillas.

Fighting

Pakistan supports the guerrillas fighting that government and shelters about 3.5 million Afghan refugees.

The shelling occurred in a village identified as Ghakh, the Times said.

Cross-border shellings and aerial bombings have been frequent in the 10-year-old Afghan war.

The wreckage of the plane was emitting hydrazine, a poisonous fuel gas, and inhabitants from more than 40 homes had been evacuated, a police spokesman said.

On Wednesday the French Mirage crashed in a woods about 50 miles (80 km) northeast of Munich, killing the pilot. The crash site was about 1.2 miles (2 kilometers) from a nuclear power plant.

Franz Peter Barten, deputy interior minister in Rhineland Palatinate said there is a nuclear power plant outside Karlsruhe, 11 miles (18 km) southwest of Forst.



20 CLASS A CIGARETTES



## Rashed denounces Israeli measures

## PLO stages rally on Land Day

THE Palestine Liberation Organisation staged a rally on Thursday marking the Land Day under the patronage of the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

The Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed addressed the gathering on behalf of Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed highly praising the uprising which he said challenged the latest sophisticated military hardware and drove the Israeli occupiers mad at the self-denial and courageous sacrifice of the Palestinian youth.

He pointed out that the more atrocities Israel committed against the unarmed Palestinians the more determined the rightful

owners of the land became in bravely defending their home and driving out the occupiers.

The Kuwaiti minister, however, paid tribute to the nations that supported the legitimate Palestinian right and denounced the Israeli barbaric measures, vowing continued assistance to the struggle of the Palestinians for a settlement based on justice and peace under the PLO.

## Assistance

Expecting the peace-loving forces in the world to extend all assistance to the uprising to help it keep its present momentum, Rashed specifically signalled out the Arab states as expected today more so than ever before to give political, material, moral and media assistance.

Rashed said Israel was pursuing

its aggressive policies against the Palestinians relying on the support it is getting from the forces of evil in the world and from the differences of opinion among the Arabs.

The minister stressed the importance nowadays of the unity of the Arab stance assuring the audience that Kuwait has always stated its support for the struggle of the Palestinians to their full national rights.

## Finance

Rashed recalled that in his capacity as current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, HH the Amir urged the Islamic countries to extend all possible assistance to the uprising of the Palestinians assuring the gathering that Kuwait will save no effort at all levels in supporting the brothers in occupied

Palestine.

Deputy speaker of the Palestine National Council and member of the Central Committee of Fatah Salim Al Zaoun spoke assuring the listeners who included Arab ambassadors and a number of prominent citizens, that the uprising will continue unabated even if outside assistance is cut off from it.

The Palestinians are now fighting for the independent state after which they can unite with one or more of the Arab states, he asserted calling on the Palestinian community in the Gulf states to finance studies of over 2,000 Palestinian students in Europe after assistance has been cut off from them.

Others spoke along the same lines of unwavering support for the cause.



Sheikh Jaber Mubarak presenting prizes to outstanding students.

## Soviet-made anti-aircraft missile 'found on Iranian boat

TWO portable anti-aircraft missiles, tentatively identified as Soviet-made SAM-7s, were found aboard an Iranian gunboat recovered by the US Navy last week, a US military official in the Gulf said on Thursday.

Weapons on the boat, found abandoned and drifting in the Strait of Hormuz, also included three "Chaff" rockets of unknown origin and four other unidentified rockets with fusing devices, a spokesman for the US Central Command said.

Army Major Barry Willey, the spokesman, told reporters in a US Defence Department pool in the region that a twin-barrel gun mounted in the cockpit of the 30-foot boat was a Soviet-made ZSU 23 mm anti-aircraft weapon.

## Modern

The gun, rusty but functional and loaded for firing when found, apparently had been used for attacks on merchant shipping in the southern Gulf and the Strait, Willey said.

He said he did not know whether the SAM-7s, which are not the most modern Soviet anti-aircraft weapons, had previously been used in the Gulf.

The Iranian boat, an open-cockpit, twin-diesel craft, was found by the US guided missile frigate Reuben James, drifting in stormy 10-foot (three-metre) seas in the Hormuz passage last Thursday.

US officers have said they do not know why the boat apparently was abandoned by the Iranians although seas were running very high. It apparently had been recently vacated by its crew and was trailing a sea anchor.

Whereabouts

The Reuben James took the boat in tow and later passed it on to another warship. Willey would not divulge the boat's whereabouts but said it was "in custody of the US Navy."

The fiberglass-hulled boat was the fourth Iranian small craft captured by the Navy in the Gulf in the past six months.

In addition to the rockets and missiles, Willey said, the boat yielded one Soviet-designed AK-47 assault rifle and 203 rounds of ammunition, 500 rounds of ammunition for the mounted gun, and related items.

The missiles believed to be SAM-7s apparently were contained in a sealed wooden box, six feet (1.82 metres) long by two feet (0.6 metres) square, found in the bottom of the boat.

Speculation

Officers on the Reuben James did not open the box, but there was speculation at the time it might contain US-built Stinger anti-aircraft missiles or other portable rockets.

US officials gave no further information on the "Chaff" rockets found on the Iranian boat.

Carried aboard most warships and aircraft in the Gulf, Chaff is composed of shards of metal blown into the air to confuse the homing system of a radar-guided missile.

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is an expert on the Gulf, said in a national public radio interview that the attack was significant because of the strategic position of the island of Bubiyan; but he predicted that he did not expect a further escalation in the Gulf conflict as a result of the attack on Kuwait.

He noted the fact that Kuwait had made it a point to maintain a dialogue with Iran in recent months.

Additional duty

DEFENCE Minister Sheikh Nawaaf Al Ahmed yesterday issued a decision, by which Assistant Undersecretary for legal and administrative affairs Hmoud Mohammed Al Otaibi is commissioned with the tasks of the undersecretary during his mission abroad.

The paper quoted from a statement issued by Saudi Arabia which condemned and denounced the attack on Kuwait.

A former National Security Council adviser, Gary Sick, who

## US media highlight Iran's aggression

WASHINGTON, April 1. (Kuna): The American media on Thursday highlighted Iran's latest aggression against Kuwait and a number of newspapers pointed out Kuwait's exercising of self-restraint despite the attack in which two Kuwaiti soldiers were injured.

The papers also highlighted the expressions of support that Kuwait has been receiving from many countries around the world, including letters of support sent from Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Egypt who condemned the attack on the island of Bubiyan.

In its report, the New York Times noted the statement that Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed issued in which he expressed the hope that the

attack would remain "just an isolated incident." Kuwait on Wednesday submitted a protest of the attack to Iran and at the United Nations.

The paper noted the fact that Iran has repeatedly attacked Kuwait in recent years, including the launching of Chinese-made Silkworm missiles and attacks by Iranian gunboats on Kuwaiti oil tankers.

The Washington Times newspaper had an eight-column headline reading, "Kuwait attacked by Iranian forces for the first time."

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## Zia may brief OIC leaders on Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, April 1. (AP): President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq may brief Muslim leaders on Afghanistan at an Organisation of Islamic Conference ministerial summit April 10 in Kuwait, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The English-language paper The Muslim quoted unidentified sources as saying the summit will be held in the wake of recent Israeli threats to Saudi Arabia against its acquiring Chinese missiles, and of the intensification of Iran-Iraq's "war of the cities."

Foreign ministry spokesman declined comment on the report.

The newspaper said Zia would participate in Middle East dis-

cussions and also use the two days to brief Muslim leaders individually on Afghanistan.

Pakistan and Afghanistan's Soviet-backed government are in their fifth week of negotiations at Geneva, Switzerland, over an end to Afghanistan's 10-year civil war, including a withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops.

Islamabad backs Afghan Muslim insurgents and cares for some 3.5 million Afghan refugees living inside Pakistan.

Zia is scheduled to address a joint session of parliament on April 7. Afghanistan is expected to figure prominently in his speech.

## Soviet delegation visits UAE

ABU DHABI, April 1. (Kuna): A special mission of the USSR Supreme Soviet, led by Vice-President of the Praesidium, Georgy Tarazevich arrived in the United Arab Emirates last night on the first leg of a Gulf tour.

In an arrival statement reported by the United Arab Emirates news agency Tarazevich expressed pleasure at his visit and pointed out that his exchanges with UAE officials would tackle a wide-range of pressing international issues.

## Talks

Official talks are slated to start Saturday morning between the Soviet delegation and officials at the National Federal Council (the appointed parliament).

The Soviet mission is also due to confer with UAE Minister of Information Ahmed Bin Hamad.

The exchanges are expected to centre on the need to halt the

Iran-Iraq dispute and its offshoot conflicts, the so-called tanker war and war of cities.

The four-month old popular Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation and oppression also expected to feature prominently in the talks.

Bilateral relations and means of boosting them, particularly in the fields of parliamentary affairs and information would also figure in the discussions.

The Soviet mission also comprises the director general of official Soviet News Agency Tass, Sergei Losiv and the secretary-general of Soviet Writers Association, Mobobishu Kanato.

The delegation would be visiting Kuwait and possibly Oman.

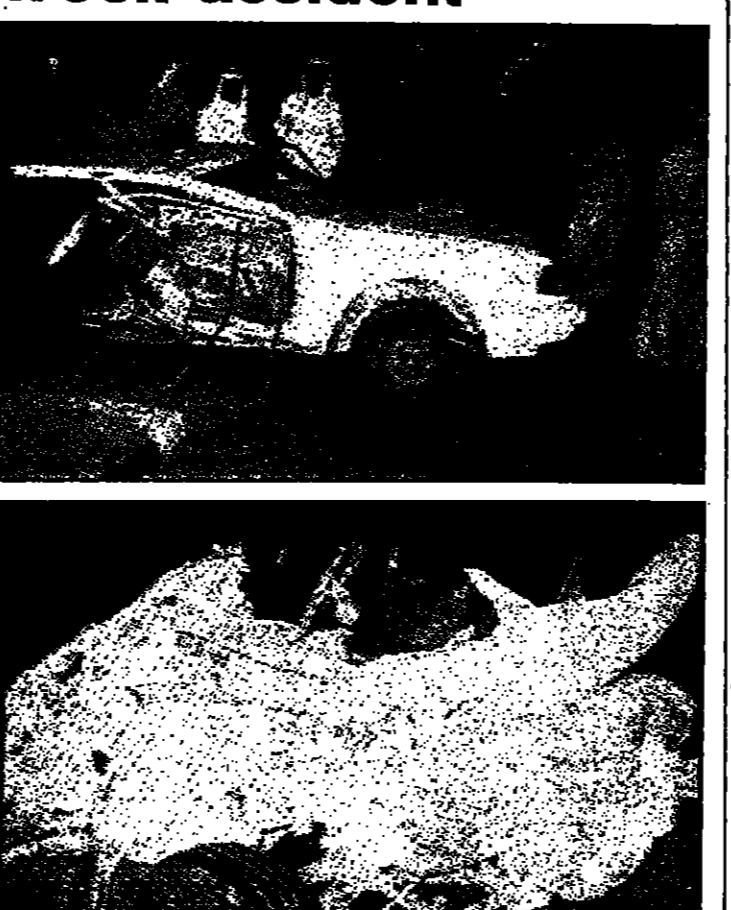
These are the only three countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council that maintain diplomatic relations with Morocco.

## Children take computer course

THE Public Relations department at KPC held a graduation ceremony for 224 children who completed a course in computer training. The ceremony was held at the Bubiyan Club and was attended by the managing director for marketing affairs of KPC.

Sheikh Ali Jaber Al Ali Al Sabah, the children and their parents and a number of officials from KPC. Sheikh Ali made a speech praising the computer courses which first began five years ago and have so far been completed by 1267 children.

## Policemen in Traffic Week accident



A police patrol car was cut in half when it collided with a saloon car driven by a Syrian last week. The accident happened at ten o'clock at night on the Fifth Ring Road near Firdous. The police car also hit a lamp-post. The two policemen in the patrol car were both seriously injured but the Syrian was only slightly hurt. Pictures show the wreckage of the police patrol car after the accident.

## ROYAL COURT

## Amiri cable

HH the Amir has sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Malta on the occasion of his country's National Day.

## Crown Prince cable

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Sadiq Al Abdulla Al Sabah has sent a cable of congratulations to the Maltese Premier Dr Eddie Fenech Adami on the occasion of his country's National Day.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

## Collective Gulf deterrent measures needed

THE Kuwaiti press on Thursday was sharply critical of the unprovoked Iranian gunboat attack on the Kuwaiti island Bubiyan, and sounded the need for collective Arabian Gulf iron-fist deterrent measures to stop Iranian recklessness.

Al Watan charging that Iran has been seeking to alter the geographical facts of the Gulf region, said the aggression on Bubiyan "formed a fresh link in the chain of political disarray that is a main feature of Iranian policies."

Asserting that no one knows the political gains Iran gets from its recurrent naked aggressions on Kuwait, the paper pointed out that the flagrant attack should further fuel regional tensions.

Al Watan, recalling that previous Iranian aggression on Kuwaiti oil tankers and water borders had only invoked loud condemnations, strongly called for "new methods and means for confronting the new situation."

## Plot to divert attention from uprising

STRIKING a different note, the daily "Al Ral Al Aam" suggested that the grave Iranian raid on Bubiyan came in the framework of superpower plots to divert attention from the popular Palestinian uprising against the Israeli occupation of Arab land.

The paper pointed out that Iran relinked skirmishes with neighbours everyday Iraqi military pressures on Tehran mounted and left it with no option but desperation and failure.

The daily added that Iran's recalcitrant prosecution of the war with Iraq and its persistent attempts to drag neutral Arab states into the conflict provide only one conclusion — that survival of the Iranian regime hinges on creating troubles and crises.

Al Ral Al Aam charged that Iran is seeking to set the whole Gulf region afire at a time when the Arab states are doing their best to halt the Iran-Iraq war and mend fences with Tehran.

## Iran-Israel collusion

IN a strongly worded front-page editorial, the daily Al Anba noted that "Iran and Israel are the two faces of a bad coin," and expressed belief that "any wicked deliberate aggression or provocation should be confronted with decisive action."

Al Anba charged that since coming to power in 1979, the present Iranian regime has been resorting to a variety of gimmicks and manoeuvres to hide its real bad schemes.

The paper stressed that this latest Iranian aggression "affirmed the flagrant collusion between Iran and Israel that targets the Arab nation."

## GULF PRESS

## Solidarity with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia

UNITED Arab Emirates newspapers said an Iranian attack on Kuwait's Bubiyan island would increase tension and lead to a serious escalation in the Gulf.

Al Ittihad praised the UAE's solidarity with Kuwait as well as Saudi Arabia in face of Israeli threats.

"The UAE in declaring its solidarity with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia illustrates the policy forged by President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, it said.

But it said the UAE has always been keen to overt any act that might increase tension through its peace bids designed to bring about peace and security in the region.

"The UAE's support for Kuwait and Saudi Arabia also reflects the real concept of Arab solidarity and Gulf Cooperation," it said.

Al Waha daily said it is not in the interest of anybody to expand the scope of the Iraq-Iran war. "That would mean an expansion in the scope of danger and consequently the collapse of all opportunities to achieve peace and stability," it said.

The Iranian aggression on the Kuwaiti island, it said, constituted a serious escalation because Kuwait has been neutral since the conflict broke out and has been, along with its brothers in the Gulf and the Organisation of Islamic Conference, exerting efforts to find a peaceful settlement to the war.

## Announcement from

## Kuwait World of Sports Company

on the advent of summer grand sale with reduced prices of world-famous trade mark items.

Adidas jogging shoes 'Elegant'	KD5.000	Puma men's blouse	KD1.500
Sports shoes 'Puma'	KD4.000	Tennis racket U-Tex	KD9.000
Admiral Corfex shoes 'English'	KD3.500	Tennis racket Domy	KD3.000
Admiral track suit	KD5.000	Tennis racket Domy	KD8.000
Trock suit 'Puma'	KD4.000	Track suit K.W.S.	KD3.500
Adidas track suit	KD5.000	Adidas bag (big size)	KD1.500
Italian Camilli exercise bicycle	KD40.000	Adidas bag (medium)	KD1.000
Italian Camilli racing bicycle	KD50.000	Adidas bag (small)	KD0.250
Fred Perry men's blouse	KD3.000	Adidas sports shoes	KD1.500
Locoste men's blouse	KD3.000	Men's swimming wear — Arina	KD1.500
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## KUWAIT ... GULF

## Bahrain appoints new defence minister

MANAMA, April 1, (AP): Bahrain announced yesterday the creation of a Supreme Defence Council and the appointment of a defence minister, a portfolio that had been held to date by the Crown Prince and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain defence forces.

Decrees to this effect were issued by the Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Gulf News Agency reported.

The decisions marked a further step in the development of Bahrain's growing military force.

The small island state, which has a population of less than half

### Justice ministers meeting opens today

HH the Amir patronised the inauguration ceremony today of the sixth session of the council of Arab justice ministers at the Conference Centre.

Omani Justice Minister Helal Bin Saud Al Bosaeedi and his UAE opposite number Abdalla Bin Hameed Al Mazroui arrived yesterday to take part in the conference.

Qatari Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Ali Bin Ahmed Al Ansari and his accompanying delegation arrived here for the same purpose.

The ministers were received by the Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs Dhari Al Othman, Secretary-General Mico and members of the Supreme Judiciary Council and a number of ranking Justice Ministry officials.

Earlier, Jordanian Justice Undersecretary Mohammed Saleh Al Sheikh arrived here to participate in the meetings. He was received by his Kuwaiti counterpart Nasser Hamad Al Roumi and other senior ministry officials.

Justice ministers of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Iraq and Syria, also have arrived here.

### Sheikh Hamad visits UAE

ABU DHABI, April 1, (Kuna): Bahrain's Crown Prince and General Commander of the Armed Forces, Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa arrived here from Manama today on a brief visit to attend the finals of a camel race.

The race, an annual event in which Arab breeds of camels compete, will also be attended by a personal representative of Sultan Qaboos of Oman, Thuwaimi Bin Shihab and Saudi Minister of Housing Prince Mit'eb Bin Abdul Aziz.

a million, is in line for 12 F-16s from the United States. In 1985, Bahrain acquired its first fixed-wing aircraft — 12 US-built F-5E jets.

In the past year, it has taken delivery of 54 M-60 tanks, along with associated equipment and spare parts, as well as training programmes.

The F-16 contract, approved by President Reagan in January 1987, marked the first time the United States agreed to sell the sophisticated aircraft to any Arab nation in the Gulf. The 400-million-dollar deal involves missiles, radar receivers and other gear.

Bahrain also has beefed up its

naval forces with German-made gunboats, equipped with Exocet and Harpoon missiles.

The decree on the Supreme Defence Council was published in the official gazette, GNA said. But its composition was not disclosed.

GNA reported that separate royal decrees named the Chief of Staff, Staff Gen. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, defence minister. His assistant, Staff Brig. Sheikh Abdullah Bin Salman Al Khalifa, became chief of staff.

The new defence minister will be deputy to the Commander in Chief, Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa.

### Rumaihi calls for efforts to contain war

MOSCOW, April 1, (Kuna): Kuwaiti editor-in-chief of Al Arabi magazine Dr Mohammed Al Rumaihi has said, "wars under the guise of religion are long-term wars", noting such thesis is based on historical evidence.

Speaking at an intellectual meeting with Soviet scientists at the Afro-Asia Institute here, Rumaihi stressed that Islam is a religion of culture and way of life to the Arabs. He pointed out that Arabs do not accept the use of Islam as a political umbrella of violence and terrorism.

He added, "we as Muslims do not accept some of the negative trends in the Soviet press towards Islam."

### Theatrical festival

THE first Gulf Cooperation Council theatrical festival comes to a close today with winning participants receiving awards and medals and certificates of appreciation, the festival director Khaled Abdul Latif Ramadan said.

He said the weeklong festivities, which are hoped to be emulated by the other GCC states in the coming years, are attended by Arab critics who highly commended the performance of the troupes.

### Oil slick

RAS EL-KHAIMAH, UAE, April 1, (Kuna): A huge oil slick which has an area of seven square kilometres appeared off the coasts of Ras El Khaimah.

Shipping sources attributed the slick to the oil which spilled from the Cypriot supertanker, Haven, which was attacked by Iranian gunboats early yesterday while on its way to the Saudi port of Ras Tanourah.

## Kuwait reserves right to retaliate

(Continued from Page 1) diplomats from Tehran last July when protesters stormed its embassy after hundreds of Iranian pilgrims died in clashes with Saudi security forces in Makkah.

But since January, tensions have eased. Of 13 Iranian attacks on Gulf shipping this month, only two were on ships bound to or from Kuwait.

The council, in a communiqué issued at the third closed session, affirmed its full backing of Kuwait, saying that the use of force and threat escalates the tension and hinders international efforts to establish peace and stability in the region.

### US arms sales to Middle East

BAGHDAD, April 1, (AP): President Saddam Hussein yesterday relieved of his job the Construction and Housing Minister, Mohammed Fedhi Hussein, state-run television reported.

A presidential decree read over television did not give reasons for the minister's removal or say whether he was appointed to a different job.

He was replaced by the ministry's undersecretary, Taher Mohammed Al Marzouk. Both Hussein and Al Marzouk are engineers.

Earlier this month, Hussein relieved from their jobs the Minister of Light Industry, and the Minister of Heavy Industry.



Sheikh Nawafl visiting Bubiyan Island to inspect defence installations.

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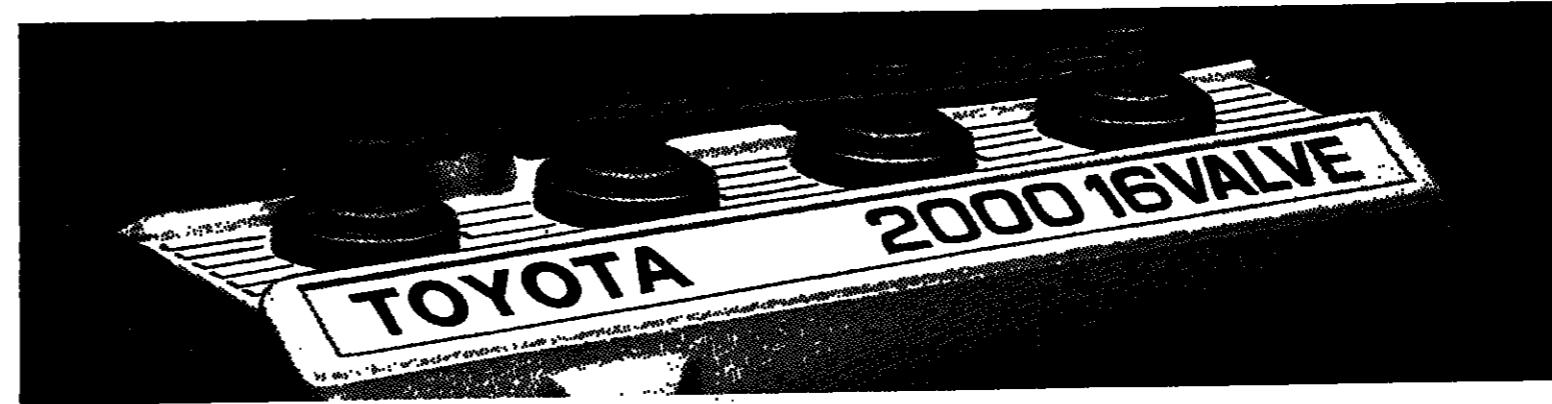
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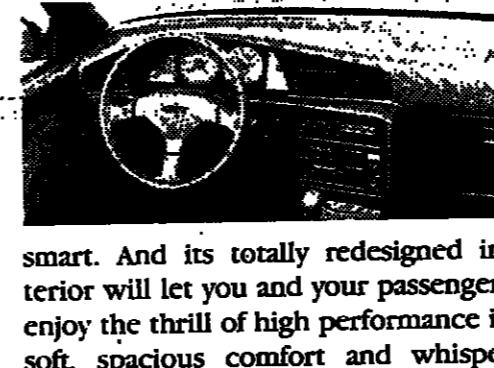
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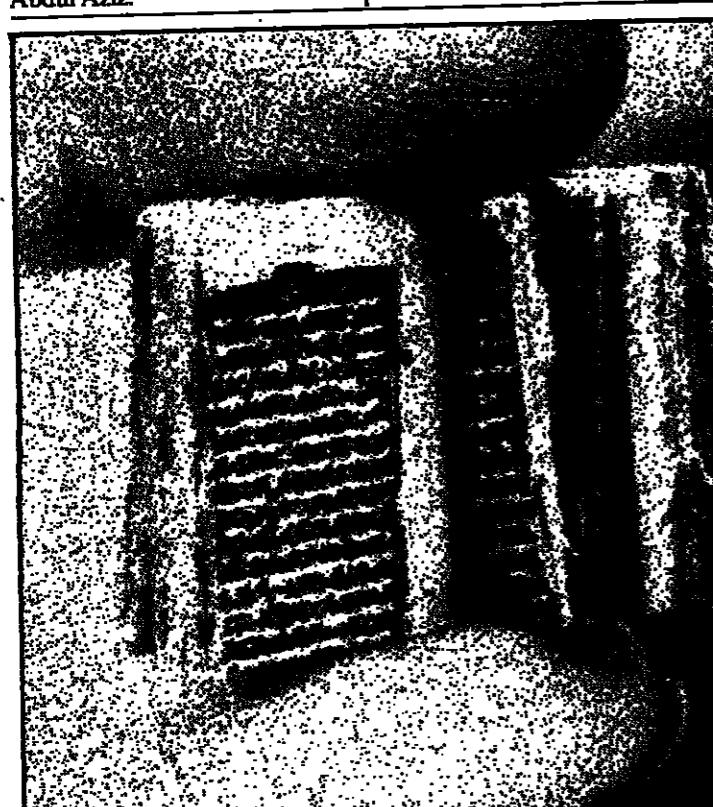
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Mona Tarsissi holds the Quran claimed to be the world's smallest. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Smallest copy of the Quran

DUBAI, April 1, (Reuter): Who owns the world's smallest Quran? Claims have been made in Iran, Poland and Yugoslavia but a family in Dubai has one that is even smaller.

Mona Tarsissi said her handwritten, rice-paper volume, measuring 1.3 centimetre (three-quarters of an inch) by 1.4 centimetre (five-eighths of an inch), has been in her Lebanese family for generations.

The red Quran, which she wears in a locket, outdoes a 2.5 centimetres by 1.5 centimetres (one inch by five-eighths of an inch) volume, in Yugoslavia whose owner claimed it as the world's tiniest last week.

"I used to go swimming with the locket round my neck," Tarsissi said this week. "Luckily the Quran was not damaged and I wonder if it might be valuable."







## Two views on popular music

## Does rock music rot the brain?

By George Walden

"THE GLOOMY GURU" as one American newspaper called Professor Allan Bloom, author of the controversial and best-selling *The Closing of the American Mind*, certainly seemed to me a serious man when I spent the afternoon with him recently at Chicago University. But he is also immensely lively and humorous.

Nobody has dissected the intellectual and emotional lives of American students — and especially their music — with such uncompromising severity. He sees the rock phenomenon as stunting the aesthetic and moral potential of the young, diminishing their imaginative powers and making it hard for them to develop mature tastes.

of the puritanical authoritarianism which leads the Soviet press to call rock "spiritual AIDS."

He simply believes that prolonged exposure to the music is not just the passing phase that many parents and academics like to think, but something that permanently diminishes the imaginative powers of the young and makes it hard for them to develop more mature tastes.

In their films, plays or books they will go on craving, he believes, the three basic ingredients of rock: "Sex, hate and a smarmy, hypocritical version of brotherly love."

Young people, he says, know perfectly well that rock has the beat of sexual intercourse; this is why Ravel's "Bolero" is the one piece of classical music that

is commonly liked by them.

He gives Mick Jagger — "a shrewd, middle-class boy who played the possessed lower-class demon and teenaged satyr till he was 40" — as an example of rock's influence on some of his students. Many who boasted of having no heroes had a secret passion to live his life.

Analogy

The analogy between rock and drugs, in his view, can be closer than many think. He has noticed that those of his students who have had a serious fling with narcotics and have cured themselves often find it hard to develop enthusiasms or great expectations of life: they have been spiritually neutered. To a lesser extent, the same can be true of rock.

Another illusion is the supposed camaraderie of the

music. In fact, as well as promoting desire rather than love, it physically kills conversation by noise — makes impossible the shared speech that Aristotle saw as the basis of friendship. Parents literally cannot get through to their children either, and so lose control over their moral education at a time when no one else is taking it seriously.

In America's reactions to his views can be as violent as the music itself. But sometimes, the response is surprisingly positive. "How did you find out about us?" one student had asked him. "Because I spend so much time talking to you," Bloom replied. "But we don't usually say what we mean," the student at once said naively, and for Bloom, touchingly.

The evening after I saw him, a Chicago writer took me to one of the most popular blues establishments on the black side of the city, just south of the University itself. It was not the quietly melancholy variety, but the sort that makes your ribs judder. Bloom was certainly right on one point: there was no question of conversation, still less of discussing what the singer meant when she sang: "If you don't like the blues there's a hole in your soul."

## A rock fan takes issue with the professor's views

## 'Lavish with generalisation, exaggeration and plain sloppy thinking'

By Tim De Lisle

THE chapter on music in *The Closing of the American Mind* is passionately argued, elegantly written, and thoroughly wrong-headed. Professor Bloom is lavish with generalisation, exaggeration, misapprehension and plain sloppy thinking; he is correspondingly economical with evidence, with supporting arguments, with the truth.

He starts as he means to go on, with a bold assertion: "Though students do not have books, they most emphatically do have music." The second

half of this sentence is clearly right; the first half is equally clearly silly and wrong. And so it goes on. "Classical music is dead among the young" — even though, by Bloom's own admission, the campuses are alive with the sound of orchestras, discussion groups and appreciation societies, as well as the rhythms of rock and roll.

Rock music has one appeal only, a barbaric appeal, to sexual desire — not love, not eros, but sexual desire undeveloped and untutored. "One can think of a few songs Bloom may have in mind here (he mentions none himself); one can think of many

more of which this is manifestly untrue. To take a couple of recent Grammy award-winners, is Paul Simon's "Graceland" all sex? Is U2's "Joshua Tree"?

The Professor presses on regardless. "Never was there an art form directed so exclusively to children." Curious, then, that it should be young adults who now make up the biggest sector of its market. It gets worse. "These are the three great lyrical themes: sex, hate and a smarmy, hypocritical version of brotherly love." In fact the dominant theme of pop lyrics, as you would think even

the most blinkered educationist must know, is romantic love. "Can't Buy Me Sex," "Slave to Sex," "I Just Called to

Say I Want To Have Sex With You": they don't have quite the same ring.

As for hate, well, there was a lot of it about in the punk heyday of 1976-77; precious little on 1980s best-sellers like Dire Straits' "Brothers in Arms" or Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA". And you can say what you like about Bob Geldof, but he is neither smarmy nor a hypocrite.

More generally, Bloom makes great play of the high volume at which rock is sometimes played, and of its alleged resemblance to drugs. The idea that conversation and

Aristotelian friendship are being killed by loud music is a laughable; most really loud rock is heard at concert halls, which are no more where you go to talk than cinemas or theatres.

The other charge is more serious, and certainly rock appears to have become the opium of some of the people. But it is just as certainly nothing like so pervasive as television, which Bloom dismisses in half a sentence as playing "a comparatively small role in the formation of young people's character and taste." Where has he been?



Bob Geldof: neither smarmy nor a hypocrite



Mick Jagger: a shrewd, middle-class boy who played the possessed lower-class demon and teenaged satyr till he was 40.

## Aswad retains top spot on UK chart

LONDON, (AP): The three-man reggae group Aswad remained at the top of the British pop singles chart for a second straight week with their hit single "Don't Turn Around."

Bros, which two weeks ago was 27th on the chart, zipped up to second place from seventh spot with "Drop The Boy." Iron Maiden remained in third position with "Can I Play With Madness."

Tiffany rose from 11th place to number 4 with "Could've Been" while A-Ha soared from 24th place to fifth with "Stay On These Roads."

As well as Tiffany and A-Ha, two newcomers moved into the top 10: Simon Harris with "How Low Can You Go," to 9th from 19th, and Eighth Wonder with "I'm Not Scared," to 10th from 20th.

This week's top 10 listings, as compiled by Melody Maker magazine, with last week's places in parentheses:

1. (1) *Man In The Mirror* — Michael Jackson (Epic).

2. (2) *Never Gonna Give You Up* — Rick Astley (RCA).

3. (6) *Get Outta My Dreams, Get Into My Car* — Billy Ocean (Jive-Arista).

4. (4) *Endless Summer Nights* — Richard Marx (EMI-Manhattan).

5. (5) *Out Of The Blue* — Dennis Gibson (Atlantic).

6. (8) *I Want Her* — Keith Sweat (Vintertainment-Electra).

7. (10) *Rocket 2 U* — The Jets (MCA).

8. (3) *Father Figure* — George Michael (Columbia).

9. (13) *Devil Inside* — Imus (Atlantic).

10. (14) *Where Do Broken Hearts Go* — Whitney Houston (Arista).

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The ten top Country-Western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets.

1. (3) *Love Will Find Its Way To You* — Reba McEntire (MCA).

2. (7) *Famous Last Words Of A Fool* — George Strait (MCA).

3. (6) *I Wanna Dance With You* — Eddie Rabbit (RCA).

4. (4) *Touch And Go Crazy* — Lee Greenwood (MCA).

5. (8) *Strangers Again* — Holly Dunn (MFM).

6. (1) *Turn It Loose* — The Judys (RCA).

7. (10) *I'll Always Come Back* — K.T. Oslin (RCA).

8. (14) *Cry Cry Cry* — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).

9. (15) *It's Such A Small World* — Rodney Crowell and Rosanne Cash (Columbia).

10. (11) *If Ole Hank Could Only See Us Now* — Waylon Jennings (MCA).

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD

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48 Goodnight girl of song

49 Evening, in Roma

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54 "Sleep like —"

55 Forest creatures

56 Fats Waller hit of 1943

58 Palo

59 Authentic town

60 Sevilla province

61 Arctic sight

62 "Well that Ends Well"

63 Without a cause: 1945 film

64 Bugle call at sunset

65 "We were made for each other

New entries for the Guinness Book

# Film folks break world records

By Firoze Rangoonwala

"I MUST get into the Guinness," is the chant heard everywhere in Bollywood. For every other filmwala these days, the Guinness Book of World Records is the great goal and the zenith of achievement. Everyone is aiming to get his or her name included in the new edition, to be issued soon. And many of them say that they have at last succeeded in achieving the ultimate.

They may not have made much progress in their own profession. The industry may even regard some of them as freaks or hangers-on. But they will be there in the book, for the whole world to admire. After all, what is local success in the tiny town of Bombay, compared to the international honour? Moreover, the Guinness entry itself will bring them notice and then the industry will give them their due share of work, wealth and fame.

Because of this, our film people have started working very hard. It was back-breaking business to break a world record, even if it sometimes got mixed with pleasure, as in the case of some lucky dogs, sorry lucky heroes. Moreover, the examples of Lata Mangeshkar, Dada Kondke, Prem Nazir inspired them, though even their achievements as recorded in the book have never been verified or documented. But that suited the film folks, who never believe in facts and proofs in any case. So their hopes of getting accepted are also fulfilled and they will soon take their place as champions of their trade and its tricks.

At the end of this month, news started trickling in from the film offices to this writer's office. Some came from rival camps too. But all conveyed the same message that so-and-so had made it to the book. As we have no way to check and counter-check, let the wish-horses be on paper, as they would love it to be. And they do not mind being recorded for any type of "achievement". So here goes:

Anuradha Singh is being listed in the Guinness book as the "fastest woman in the world" so as to be accepted as a charming young movie heroine. On the other hand, Amala is the first actress in the world to have become a heroine without



Sharmila Tagore: holds the world record for the longest successful marriage to a cricketer

speaking a single word on screen.

Mithun Chakravarty's entry says that he is the first actor in the world to have erased Raj Kapoor's memory from the Soviet psyche and installed his own. And he has achieved this, not as a socialist or communist but as a "disciple". Our ever eccentric star Raj Kumar has also been listed for giving the maximum number of abuses to his co-stars and getting away with it.

Asha Bhonsale has at last fulfilled her dream of appearing in the Guinness Book of Records though a couple of steps below her already honoured sister Lata. The number of songs attributed to Asha are said to be "nearly the same" as those of Lata. Anyway, Lata's



Asha Bhonsale: set a record-breaking example for others to emulate

35,000 songs were never actually verified.

Composer Bappi Lahiri holds the record as the "tunsmith" who has copied the maximum number of songs from his fellow brothers in the West.

Tinnu Anand becomes the winner for the biggest confidence trick ever in show business. He has sold the film "Shahenshah" for ten times its cost to buyers who later realised that the gold mine was not so deep after all. Ramanand Sagar has entered the world record book for stretching the Ramayana as no other epic writer could ever do, including Valmiki and Tulsidas.

Mandakini stands out as the only actress in world cinema who has taken 50,000 gallons of water on her body, without an

ouch.

Sonam is the first heroine in showbiz to have signed fifty film without the audience having seen her.

Sharmila Tagore is the movie star with the longest successful marriage to a cricketer.

Vinod Khanna is the world's only actor who acts in six films per day. Govinda gets the plum as the world's busiest young actor, who does not find time to go to the loo more than twice a day.

Shatrughan Sinha is the most established villain who became the least established hero and then the most established good man.

Amrish Puri is the actor who has yelled and growled for the longest possible stretch of time.

Sunil Dutt is the world's first actor who has walked more on the roads than he has run on the screen. Sunjay Dutt is the only star who did not have an affair till one year after his marriage.

Jackie Shroff is the only one who had twelve affairs within one year of marriage. Rekha is the world's only actress who considers herself "mentally" married to a famous actor.

Sri Devi is the only highest paid heroine who does not speak dialogue in her own voice. Rajinikanth has broken the record of lighting cigarettes in on thousand different ways.

Arun Govil playing Lord Rama has kept the same expression for the longest period of time in the longest-running TV serial. Anjaj Khan is credited to be the fattest test to be the fattest screen dacoit anywhere in the world.

Mandakini is the only actress to

take 50,000 gallons of water on her body without an ouch!



Shatrughan Sinha: record number of romances within a year of marriage



Jackie Shroff: record number of romances within a year of marriage



Sri Devi: the only highly paid star who has her dialogues dubbed in another voice

Prithviraj Kapoor's family tree has yielded the maximum number of flop actors and directors, more than any other world film family. Kiran Kumar is the only star who achieved stardom without the help of his father. Manoj Kumar is the only film maker in the world who has mixed patriotism with sex.

Mammoji is the only actor who has kept shaving his head to act bald in 200 films. Jagdish Raj has played a policeman in 300 films. Jagdeep has successfully shivered his way through 400 films. Jankidas has twirled his face and fingers in 500 films.

Encouraged by so many film people getting the Guinness entry, many others are busy finding and breaking other records for the next year. Some of them can't even spell Guinness and think it is Genius Book of Records.

Meanwhile, the above-stated entrants to the Book were congratulated and given a copy of the volume on April 1, 1988. And this has nothing to do with All Fool's Day, which certain quarters celebrated yesterday.



Mammoji: emulating Kojak is one way to get into the record books



Amala: starring role without a single word on screen



Raj Kumar: has got away with a maximum number of abuses



Sonam: fifty films without a release, must be a record somewhere



Mandakini: only actress to take 50,000 gallons of water on her body without an ouch!

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Sunil Dutt: holds the record for long walks

## Behind the Screen

first film made in Haryanvi language called Chandrawali has done it. Villagers of remote areas who had never seen a movie in their life travelled to a far-away theatre to see the hit film. They accounted for 70 per cent of the village population.

Mithun Chakravarty has decided to become a writer too, starting with Baaghi. If anyone wants a free lunch he has only to tell Mithun to narrate the script. The hero at once invites him and then describes every scene along with oral effects of background music. On top of that, Mithun also tells everyone to keep the script a secret, lest some other writers may copy

the ideas. But then why is he himself broadcasting it to so many people? Anyway, the regular film writers say that there is nothing to copy because Mithun himself has copied it from several other films.

Veteran composer Hemant Kumar who once gave hit tunes in Naagin and then got limited to Bengali films, has done a stunt by refusing the government-given title of Padma Shri. He said he deserved a bigger title and would not settle for anything less than Padma Bhushan (as if it was some kind of a business deal). His refusal has not even come as a protest or for a cause. But it has become a political issue. West Bengal's leftist government has decided to bestow an honorary D. Litt degree on him.

Haryana is the province that lies in a crucial position near the troubled Punjab. So movement of people is restricted. But the

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Tough sanctions sought on Toshiba

### US Congress drops retaliation amendment from trade bill

WASHINGTON, April 1, (AP): Congressional negotiators have scrapped Rep. Richard Gephardt's controversial trade retaliation amendment and have agreed to seeking tough sanctions on Japan's Toshiba Corp. in a new trade bill.

The bill also calls for repeal of the windfall profit tax and a \$1 billion boost in US grain export subsidies.

#### Compromise

The compromise completed late last night would also require employers to give 60 days notice of plant closings and would increase government aid to those left jobless as a result of competition from imports.

But even as the bill moves ahead in Congress, concerns about a possible presidential veto are growing.

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House-Senate Conference Committee that

produced the package, said there was bound to be some grumbling, but he was upbeat about the final product.

"We worked long and hard and I think evidence that it's a good product is that nobody's happy about it," said Rostenkowski, who worked out the package along with Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

At the heart of the measure are streamlined procedures for imposing import restrictions to US industries hard hit by imports and retaliate against barriers that trading partners put in the way of American exports.

Final arrangement began to fall into place yesterday morning when one of 17 separate groups of conferees adopted the trade sanctions against Toshiba and a subsidiary for selling computerised machinery to the Soviets for the silencing of submarine propellers.

## Japan's strong economy driving huge trade surplus lower

TOKYO, April 1, (Reuter): The robustness of Japan's economy has been helping trim the country's huge trade imbalance and the surplus may be cut by more than \$10 billion in 1988, economists say.

"That level of reduction would be a healthy degree of adjustment," said David Pike, economist for the UBS Phillips and Drew international securities firm.

Japan's 1987 current-account surplus, its widest measure of trade, which includes both goods and services, was \$87 billion.

Pike specifically sees the current-account surplus for this year at a conservative \$75 billion.

Japan announced today that its current-account surplus for the month of February fell to \$8.35 billion from \$7.63 billion a year earlier.

"This drop was encouraging as it continues to show the trade surplus is decreasing," said economist Soichiro Akahane of Bank of Tokyo. It is a good sign."

The government also reported that trade in goods alone fell to a surplus of \$7.44 billion in February from \$8.28 billion a year ago.

The strong Japanese economy is spurring a sharp rise in imports, while dissuading some manufacturers from shipping goods abroad, Akahane said.

A boom for the construction industry has tightened the domestic market for steel and other building materials while active manufacturers have squeezed supplies for plastics and other petrochemical products, one economist said.

Exports of goods for February were up 17.9 per cent from the same month last year to \$19.87 billion, while imports surged 45.1 per cent to \$12.43 billion.

Although exports were strong, the growth was in value rather than volume, Akahane noted. The higher value comes from the rise of the yen against the dollar over the past year, he added.

The current-account surplus dropped nearly \$200 million from January to \$7.86 billion, while the trade of just goods fell \$650 million to \$8.45 billion.

Pike said the improvement in Japan's trade picture should help ease some criticism from the United States. Because Japan's surplus is falling, Washington's criticism could turn more to Asia's newly industrialised countries, he added.

Japan, though, could see more pressure emerging from Europe as its exports have been on the rise there, Pike said.

Although prices of Japanese goods in the United States have climbed due to the appreciation of the yen against the dollar, they have not risen much in Europe because the yen has not changed much against currencies there, he said.

## S. Korea to launch oil exploration programme

SEOUL, April 1, (Opec): South Korea will today begin an offshore oil exploration programme in a 5,000 sq. km. area in the East Sea under a government scheme, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Energy and Resources here. The programme will last till end of April.

The East Sea area was excluded from previous oil prospecting and development plans due to its depth of around 1,000 metres.

Before 1980, offshore oil development programmes could be launched only in areas with depths of 200 metres.

The measure would ban US government purchases of Toshiba equipment for three years. It would bar import of products of the Toshiba Machine Corp subsidiary for three years. In the future, such violations would be punishable by import bans of two to five years.

Japanese government leaders today condemned the measure, charging the United States as overstepping its boundaries by adding its own penalties to those already taken by Japan.

The government hinted it might bring the matter before the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade if the measure becomes law.

"The United States is seeking to unilaterally impose its own penalties in disregard of the independence of other countries," Trade Minister Hajime Tamura said in a statement to

reporters. "This is extremely regrettable."

Rostenkowski said he expected the legislation to pass because "we're going to need a trade policy in the next couple of years and I think this is as good as anything that's going to come across the president's desk."

The measure erased a provision for driving down unwarranted foreign trade surpluses that had been sponsored by former democratic presidential hopeful Richard A. Gephardt.

Veto threats from the White House hovered over the legislation, and some members of the House-Senate Conference Committee were dissatisfied with the bargain worked out between Bentsen and Rostenkowski.

Administration officials had been threatening a veto over provisions requiring employers

to provide workers with notice of plant closings and the Toshiba sanctions.

Yesterday afternoon, White House spokesman Marin Fitzwater appeared to back off a bit, saying that the administration was not trying to signal a veto and still hoped to receive a trade bill that it could sign.

Rostenkowski told reporters before leaving on a congressional fact-finding trip to Turkey that he hoped to get sufficient members of the conference committee to sign the final product.

Farm lawmakers, meeting separately, said they were close to agreement on a provision that would put in place export subsidies of up to \$300 million in 1990 unless negotiators reach agreement by then on phasing out agricultural subsidies under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The so-called triggered marketing loan would benefit producers of wheat, feed grains, soybeans and other oilseed crops.

Farm lawmakers also agreed on boosting by \$1 billion the export enhancement programme, which furnishes grain companies and others with surplus government crops to include them to ship American grain overseas.

Gephardt's plan would have required the US trade representative to roll back "excess and unwarranted" foreign trade surpluses by 10 per cent annually if negotiations failed to do the job.

In its place, Bentsen and Rostenkowski adopted a senate proposal that would require the trade representative to list foreign unfair trade practices and if necessary take action to force trading partners to end them.

## Baker opposes Third World debt relief

WASHINGTON, April 1, (AP): Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III told Congress on Wednesday that he strongly disagrees with proposals to forgive some of the Third World's debt, now more than \$1 trillion.

"I believe this path leads both debtors and creditors off the cliff," he said.

"This approach would irreparably politicise the debt problem..."

#### Distract

Forgiveness would distract both debtors and creditors from the need to make reforms, would encourage repudiation of debt, and shift the risk on bank loans to taxpayers, including US taxpayers, he added.

"I simply cannot endorse such schemes," he said.

He argued for a US contribution to increase the capital of the World Bank, the biggest single source of aid loans to Third World countries. He said pulling out of the World Bank or the Inter-American Development Bank, as some critics have suggested, would reduce US influence and make it more likely that they would act contrary to US interests.

But he said that President Ronald Reagan's administration would not ask Congress for money to bring the United States up to date in the year beginning Sept. 30 on its arrears in payments to the World Bank. He said West Germany, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia had reduced their contributions because of the US shortfalls and he was sorry about that.

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CAIRO, April 1, (AP): Egypt decided yesterday to increase export prices for all varieties of its crude oil by one dollar a barrel during the first half of April, a senior official said.

Egypt produces 870,000 barrels daily but is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Cairo sets its own prices in light of market conditions and generally in line with Opec policies.

The state-owned Middle East News Agency quoted Ayoub yesterday as saying Egypt hopes Opec's pricing committee meeting set for next month "will reach agreement that will restore stability to the world market."

Ayoub also urged Opec members to stick to the benchmark price of \$18 a barrel, which they agreed last year, and not to exceed their individual production quotas.

## Iran boosts fuel imports as tanker war escalates

NICOSIA, April 1, (AP): Shipping analysts believe the Iraqis will intensify strikes aimed at throttling Iran's oil exports, a prediction that comes amid a Gulf war escalation and reports of increased Iranian imports of refined fuel.

"We can't see an end to the tanker war," Eric Rambeau of the Oslo-based International Association of Independent Tanker Owners, or Intertank, said in a telephone interview.

"We had hoped the tanker war was coming to an end after a recent lull, but the situation is worse now than it's been for a long time," he said, referring to retaliatory strikes against Gulf shipping in the 7-1/2-year-old war. "You think it's reached a peak, and then it just gets worse."

Iran, one of the world's major oil producers, is importing oil from

record amounts of refined petroleum products, such as kerosene and jet fuel, the Middle East Economic Survey reported this week.

"This unprecedented sudden import of gas oil could be due either to damage inflicted on Iranian refineries because of the war," the respected oil industry newsletter said, or because Tehran may be "taking precautionary measures and stocking up these products in anticipation of a further escalation in the war."

The surge in Iran's refined imports coincided with an unprecedented Iraqi missile bombardment of Tehran and other key cities during the last month. Iran has responded with its own missile and artillery blasts in the so-called "war of the cities."

A large formation of Iraqi

fighter-bombers attacked Iran's big Kharg Island oil terminal in the northern end of the Gulf on March 19, badly damaging two of the estimated 25 tankers that shuttle oil to makeshift terminal further south for transhipment to delivery tankers.

The 316,379-ton Avaj and the 249,829-ton Sanandaj were left in flames, and 50 crewmen were killed. Shipping sources said both vessels were so badly hit they probably will be scrapped.

The loading facilities on Kharg, heavily defended by anti-aircraft missile batteries, also were damaged, the Economic Survey said.

The main systems on the west of the island were knocked out in the bombing, forcing the Iranians to switch loading to a smaller jetty, slowing down exports that are Tehran's main

source of revenue for its war effort, the Survey said.

Several other shuttle tankers, either owned by the state-run National Iranian Co. or chartered by it, are believed to have been put out of action in recent Iraqi air strikes.

Because Iraq's Gulf ports have been closed since the early days of the war, the Iranians have to take revenge by attacking neutral ships.

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ALGIERS, April 1, (Opec): Algeria will supply Britain with 600 million cu. m. of natural gas over the next three years, it was reported here on Wednesday.

Portugal's rating rose 2.2 points, thanks largely to "an austerity programme... European Economic Community entry, and... full-fledged transition to democracy."

Despite Japan's pre-eminence, the Asia-Pacific region, comprising 19 countries "led the decliners with a sizeable 1.4 point fall" in the average country rating.

According to the Algerian Press Service, a contract was signed on Tuesday between the Algerian national oil company (Sonatrach) and British Gas.

Algeria has recently signed several agreements with other countries in a move to increase its market share and diversify markets for its natural gas, the news agency said.

## Switzerland displaces W. Germany as No. 2

## Japan most creditworthy nation again

NEW YORK, April 1, (AP): Switzerland has displaced West Germany as the world's second most creditworthy nation behind Japan, a new survey of international bankers reveals.

The United States—for many years the bankers' No. 1 choice—remains in fourth place. And in general the world's bankers seem to be taking a gloomier view of the world debt situation.

In a survey of 112 nations, the American financial magazine Institutional Investor finds that the average country's credit rating

fourth consecutive drop from the peak of 40.6 attained in March 1986.

Countries with higher credit ratings generally find it easier to borrow from international commercial banks and are likely to obtain more favourable credit terms.

#### Stable

"The most stable region in recent surveys has been Western Europe," the magazine says, "but this time it registered the biggest gain of any region, rising 0.6 points to 73.9."

The global average rating was 38.9, down 0.4 points from last September, and down 1.1 points from March 1987. Institutional Investor notes that this is the services sector, especially business and health services. Construction employment also increased, but the manufacturing workforce was virtually unchanged.

The Labour Department said another 262,000 non-farm jobs were created last month, most of them in service industries, after a survey of 517,000 in February.

The employment report was stronger than expected, and economists said it should banish any lingering speculation that the nation was heading for a recession.

Economists had forecast no change in the jobless rate and an increase of about 200,000 in non-farm payroll jobs.

They had also expected a much steeper downward revision in the number of jobs created in February. The government originally reported a rise of 531,000 jobs in February.

The employment report is scrutinised by government policymakers and Wall Street analysts because it provides the first statistical glimpse of how the economy performed last month.

Reliable

Moreover, unlike some other government data, the job figures are considered reliable.

February's hiring spree, for instance, was consistent with subsequent news of a jump in housing starts and moderate expansion in industrial output and retail sales.

Factory orders fell, but the overall picture was of an economy showing surprising resilience in the face of October's stock market crash.

Economists said the March unemployment report confirmed this conclusion and pointed to growth in the first quarter of at least two per cent.

The unemployment rate was last as low as 5.6 per cent in May 1979. In March 1987 it was 6.5 per cent.

About two-thirds of the growth in jobs last month was in

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## World Bank lends \$400m to Argentina

WASHINGTON, April 1. (AP): The US World Bank approved a \$400 million loan package yesterday to financially troubled Argentina and its banks.

Funds from the 15-year low interest loan will be released in two stages. The first half will become available immediately with the release of the final \$200 million contingent on the success of Argentina's economic recovery.

The World Bank said it made the loan to encourage deposits and confidence in the Argentine banking system, improve the distribution of credit and reduce its cost.

This action comes after a \$317 million loan from the IMF two weeks ago.

## Conference in Bahrain ends

## Link between NRIs and Indian officials necessary

By M.C. Bose from Bahrain

## Dollar and stock prices fall in Tokyo

TOKYO, April 1. (AP): The US dollar and stock prices fell in Tokyo trading today as trading decreased with the approach of the Easter holidays in the United States and its banks.

The US currency opened at 124.30 yen and traded between a narrow range of 124.05-124.20 yen. It finished the week at 124.10 yen, down 0.40 yen from yesterday's close of 124.50 yen.

"There is not much happening," said Peter Tasker, head of research at Kleinwort Benson. "The dollar is weak and unpopular," he said, and a "poor supply and demand" contributed to the currency's fall.

The Bank of Japan intervened immediately after the foreign exchange opened for dealing to prop up the sagging currency, but Tasker said the amount of dollars the central bank bought

was very small. The intervention was a ritual, he added. The bank does not publicly comment on its activities.

"It's the Easter holiday and people are not doing anything," added a dealer at a major American securities firm, trading on condition of anonymity.

### Anticipating

Traders said they are anticipating a weak dollar in the new 1988 fiscal year that began today. "The dollar will be wobbly," Tasker said, "but it probably will not fall below 120 yen."

On the Tokyo Stock

Exchange, meanwhile, the Nikkei stock average of 225 selected issues fell for a second consecutive day and lost 156.04 points, or 0.59 per cent. It closed at 26,104.22 points.

The loss was in "reaction to an incredibly strong rise over the past week," Tasker said, referring to the 1,000-point gain the Nikkei averaged on Monday through Wednesday. Yesterday, the main market barometer lost 59.81 points.

Traders predicted the market would be quiet and show little direction during its half-day session tomorrow because of the Easter weekend.

Meanwhile, the dollar held fairly steady in extremely thin foreign exchange trading in Europe today ahead of the Easter weekend.

Most European and Asian centres were closed for Good Friday.

Trading did take place in Italy,

France and Luxembourg, but dealers were idle most of the day, traders said.

"They are all lying low," said one trader in Milan. "There is absolutely no direction at all."

Gold markets in London, Zurich and Hong Kong were closed.

Other dollar rates in Europe late afternoon today, compared with late yesterday.

— 1.6565 West German

marks, up from 1.6555

— 1.3650 Swiss francs, up

from 1.3635

— 5.6270 French francs, up

from 5.6130

— 1.8395 Dutch guilders, up

from 1.8375

— 1.22875 Italian lire, down

from 1.22950

— 1.2335 Canadian dollars,

down from 1.2339

The British pound was quoted at \$1.8895 — a six-year high for the second day in a row — compared with \$1.8878 yesterday.

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-FOOD SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	JO INS. AND FIN.	1.20 1.20
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.244	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	JO LEASING CORP.	0.78 0.80
-UNTD. FISHERIES	0.146	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	JO LIM. BRICK	0.24 0.23
-UNTD. POULTRY	0.238	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	JO MANAG/CONSULT	0.50 0.50
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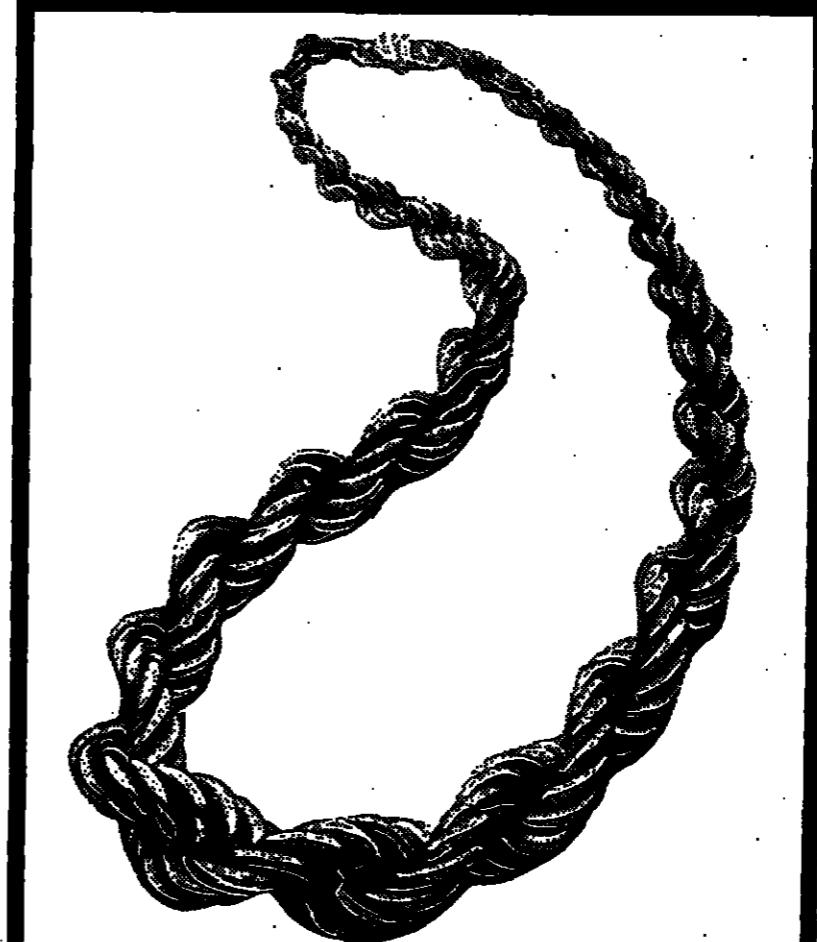
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## SPORTS

### Australia name squad for

### Pakistan tour

SYDNEY, April 1. (Reuter): Australian cricketers yesterday announced a squad of 15 to tour Pakistan in September for a series of Tests and one-day matches.

The squad chosen, while structured around a core of established Test players, raises a few eyebrows within cricketing circles with the selection of several young and relatively unknown players.

In a major surprise, New South Wales captain and Test wicketkeeper Greg Dyer has been dropped by the selectors and replaced by unknown Queenslander Ian Healy.

Equally surprising was the recall of forgotten Test opening batsman and Western Australia's captain Graeme Wood and the selection of Victorian youngster Jamie Siddons, who is yet to make his Test debut.

### Missing

As expected, tall West Australian fast bowler Bruce Reid returns after missing the latter part of 1987/88 season through a back injury.

The selectors have also announced three standby players in the form of pace bowlers Merv Hughes, Chris Matthews, and dynamic New South Wales all-rounder Mark Waugh.

The Australian Cricket Board (ABC) said players would be subject to stringent fitness tests at a training camp in August when the final composition of the touring squad will be decided.

The Australian squad is: Allan Border (captain), Geoff Marsh, David Boon, Tony Dodemaide, Ian Healy, Dean Jones, Craig McDermott, Tim May, Bruce Reid, Jamie Siddons, Peter Steer, Peter Taylor, Michael Veleta, Stephen Waugh, and Graeme Wood.

### Nystrom and Arias upset

HOUSTON, April 1. (UPI): Top-seeded Kent Carlsson of Sweden defeated defending champion Jimmy Arias 6-3, 6-3 last night in a second-round match at the River Oaks International tournament.

Seeded players who lost yesterday included No.3 Joakim Nystrom of Sweden, a 7-6 (7-2), 7-5, loser to Mark Dickson, and No.4 David Pate, who lost 6-3, 6-0, to Sammy Giannina of Houston.

Advancing were eighth-seeded Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina, who beat his compatriot Guillermo Villas 6-3, 6-3, and sixth-seeded Andre Leconte of France, who defeated Christian Bergstrom of Sweden, 1-6, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5.

Two earlier matches were decided by third-set tiebreakers. Jonas Svensson of Sweden beat American Jim Currier 5-7, 6-0, 7-6 (4-0), and Peter Lundgren of Sweden Christo van Rensburg 6-4, 6-0, 7-6 (7-4).

### Richards struggles to be fit for first Test

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, April 1. (Reuter): West Indies captain Viv Richards is struggling to be fit for the first Test against Pakistan starting in Georgetown tomorrow.

Richards missed four of the five one-day internationals against the touring team after a hemorrhoid operation last month and his chances of playing were put at 60-40 by manager Jackie Hendriks.

Richards confessed that he was in some discomfort while running and that any decision over whether he would play would be left to the last minute.

Despite their ascendancy in one-day series, the absence of Richards would be a big blow for West Indies. The balance of the side would be upset with the Antiguan's tight bowling likely to be missed.

**Burden**

If Phil Simmons replaced Richards, Carl Hooper would have to shoulder the burden of bowling spin. He has taken only two Test wickets with his off-spin.

Should Richards be unfit, Gordon Greenidge, who led his side to a 5-0 triumph in the one-day series, will lead his country for the first time in a Test.

Curtley Ambrose, West Indies' most recent "find" in the pace department, has recovered from a swollen ankle and will make his Test debut. "Young Bird" as he is nicknamed, took nine for 103 off 28.3 overs in the first three one-day internationals before being injured.

Malcolm Marshall, having recovered from a knee injury, will take the new ball, with Patrick Patterson and Courtney Walsh making up the pace quartet.

Pakistan are at last able to select from a full squad, although Tauseef Ahmed's shoulder injury has already forced him to return home. Ijaz Faqih, his replacement, arrived in Guyana only last Sunday but will play in the Test.

Faqih, an off-spinner who bowled an economical seven-

### SHASTRI AND HIRWANI SHINE AGAINST NEW ZEALAND

## Indians rout Kiwis for Sharjah Cup

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, April 1. (Reuter): India, who scored 107 runs off their last 10 overs, beat New Zealand by 52 runs to win the Sharjah Cup cricket tournament today and a prize of \$30,000.

All-rounder Kapil Dev hampered 49 not out off 26 balls in the late scoring spree that carried India to a formidable 250 for seven from their 50 overs. New Zealand never looked like overhauling them and were all out for 198 in 43 overs.

The New Zealanders collected \$20,000 and Sri Lanka, the third team in the competition \$20,000, and Sri Lanka, the third team in the competition \$15,000.

Leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani, who marked his Test debut earlier this year with 16 wickets against the West Indies, was named Man of the Series after he destroyed the New Zealand mid-order to finish with four for 46 off 10 overs.

His 10 wickets in three matches made him the most successful bowler in the tournament.

Captain Ravi Shastri, who struck three sixes and three fours in making 72 off 68 balls, helped Kapil Dev in taking India's overall run rate to five an over.

The pair added 73 for the sixth wicket and for his contribution.

Shastri was made Man of the Match.

Kapil Dev rounded off the Indian innings by swinging the last two balls from Ewen Chatfield for leg-side sixes. Richard Hadlee also suffered as the later Indian batsmen stepped up the tempo, his last five overs going for 41 runs.

New Zealand had bowled and fielded magnificently to restrict India to 143 for four off the first 40 overs. Only veteran Mohinder Amarnath batted freely at the start of the Indian innings, scoring a compact 58.

While John Wright was going well, New Zealand might have pulled off an unlikely victory. The New Zealand captain batted beautifully for his 55, which included five hours, and his run out was a wasteful end to his fine effort.

Of the later batsmen, Mark Greatbatch and Ian Smith scored 47 and 40 but never threatened to deny India their victory.

"We have no excuses," Wright said. "My run out and our bowling in the last ten overs cost us the match."

Wright deserved Hirwani and said: "We did not play as intelligently as we should have done against



Shastri: Man of the Match

him.

Shastri said: "It always feels good to win. We were in control after scoring 250 which is a very formidable total."

Shastri conceded that before the last ten overs "New Zealand had us on the rack. If we had been restricted to around 200, then the story might have been different."

### Scoreboard

INDIA K. Srikanta b Chatfield 14

Bowling: Hadlee 10-0-49-1, Wat-  
son 7-2-37-0, Chatfield 10-0-57-2,  
Kuggeleijn 10-0-38-1, Patel 9-0-32-1,  
Morrison 4-0-33-1.

### NEW ZEALAND

R. Vance c More b Shastri	3
J. Wright run out	55
A. Jones bowled Amarnath	15
M. Greatbatch c Kapil Dev b Hir- wani	47
D. Patel c Shastri b Hirwani	1
R. Hadlee c Ayub b Hirwani	3
C. Kuggeleijn c Srikanta b Hirwani	1
I. Smith c Sharma b Raman	40
D. Morrison b Kapil Dev	7
W. Watson b Shastri	10
E. Chatfield not out	1
Extras (1w 7 w-2)	9
Total (45.3 overs)	198
Fall of wickets: 1-15 2-60 3-92 4-94 5-94 6-113 7-160 8-182 9-196	
Bowling: Kapil Dev 7.3-2-14-1, Sharma 6-0-21-1, Shastri 9.0-25-1, Amarnath 2-0-14-1, Hirwani 10-0-46-4, Ayub 9-0-44-0, Raman 2-0-23-1.	
Yesterday: New Zealand beat Sri Lanka by 43 runs.	

Fall of wickets: 1-15 2-60 3-92 4-94  
5-94 6-113 7-160 8-182 9-196

154 154-2 227 7-132

Did not bat: S. Sharma, N. Hirwani

## Australians line up to attack Botham

SYDNEY, April 1. (Reuter): Politicians, leader-writers and former cricketers polished up their haloes before joining the long queue of Australians waiting to stick the knife into England all-rounder Ian Botham yesterday.

Prime Minister Bob Hawke, former captain Ian Chappell and legendary leg-spinner Bill O'Reilly agreed they were glad to be rid of the tempestuous Botham who was sacked by Queensland on Tuesday after just one year of a three-year contract.

The country which introduced aluminium bat-throwing and betting on the opposing team in mid-Test match to the cricketing arena has behaved like a maiden aunt in the face of Botham's behaviour.

### Criticism

Hawke, former tough union boss and famed drinker, was tut-tutting with the rest of them on Wednesday.

"He (Botham) let cricket down, he let Queensland down, he let Australia down. I think the Queensland Cricket Association (QCA) made the right decision," Hawke told reporters.

The agnostic premier is a keen sports follower who recently attracted criticism for shouting "Jesus" when he hit a bed drive in a televised Pro-Am golf tournament.

Hawke is eloquent about his love of golf. "Of all the crap that has been written in the last few months, the crappiest has been that Hawke shouldn't be playing golf," Hawke said recently.

Chappell maintained Botham had "not done a hell of a lot" to earn his money with Queensland.

Chappell did not mention he was himself no saint on the cricket field.

He once took an Australian newspaper group to court in a defamation suit which he lost.

Evidence given at the case included an incident when Chappell punched a West Indian cricket official for which he was convicted in a court in the Caribbean.

Chappell also dropped his trousers to show his backside to the crowd more than once in his career, during which he was twice suspended for three weeks for swearing at umpires.

Ian's brother Greg was the main instigator behind the QCA's decision to sack Botham and fine him \$3,700 after accusations.

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The Pakistanis for their part, despite their dubbing in the one-day series, are quietly confident about the Test series. Captain Imran Khan says he is now almost at peak fitness after feeling sluggish at the start of the tour.

**Optimistic**

The tourists' front-line batsmen, particularly Javed Miandad and Rameez Raja, are running into form at precisely the right moment. Moreover they will not have to play on a fast wicket until the third Test in Bridgetown, the wickets at Georgetown and Port of Spain both being slow by Caribbean standards.

Tour manager Intikhab Alam is optimistic. "I think that once the ball is 15-20 overs old we have the better bowling attack. We shall go into the first Test with two specialist spinners, Abdul Qadir and Ijaz Faqih, both able to turn the ball sharply," he said.

"I think if we bat first and make 350-400 in the first innings, we will have a very good chance of winning."

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## SPORTS

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## Soviets and Swedes stage upsets



Maradona watches the flight of the ball after heading it toward a teammate. (Reuter wirephoto)

WEST BERLIN, April 1. (Reuter): The Soviet Union and Sweden staged shock upsets against world champions Argentina and hosts West Germany in the West Berlin four-nation soccer tournament yesterday.

The Soviet team turned on a brilliant display of skill and power to humble Diego Maradona's Argentina 4-2.

Sweden came back from a goal down at halftime to draw 1-1 with an insipid West German side and won through 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out.

## Ignominy

The Soviet Union now face Sweden in tomorrow's final with the two teams who met in the 1986 World Cup final in Mexico less than two years ago facing the ignominy of playing in the warm-up game for third place.

But there was no element of luck in either victory. The Soviet Union, fielding nine Dynamo Kiev players, were simply devastating.

They grabbed two goals in the first 15 minutes through Alexander Zavarov and Gennadi Litovchenko and striker Oleg Protasov added two more in the

second half, one a penalty.

Argentina, who included seven of their World Cup winning team, replied through their best player, young midfielder Pedro Troglio, and Maradona, who scored from a direct free-kick in the second half.

It was an exhilarating match, in sharp contrast to the tedium of the opening period of the second game.

The West Germans, who have not won any of their last five matches, led through a Klaus Allofs goal just before the break.

But Peter Truedsson deservedly equalised 16 minutes from time and Sweden, playing neat soccer in the second half, would have wrapped it up in normal time if they had not squandered several chances.

In the end missed penalties by Lothar Matthaeus and Rudi Voeller put Sweden in the final.

Home trainer Franz Beckenbauer, plainly disturbed at his team's form 10 weeks before West Germany stages the European Championship, was asked which of his players he was satisfied with.

"None of them," he replied

poignantly.

Perhaps an even bigger surprise than the results was the lack of spectators at a soccer feast which delivered as much as it promised. Only 10,000 were at the opening game and just 20,000 to see the second, one of the lowest figures ever for a West German international.

West Germany came to the tournament as favourites for the June championship with most expert opinion rating the Soviet side as over the hill.

But the two matches had fans and foreign trainers gazing in wonder at the almost outrageous brilliance of the Dynamo Kiev ensemble and shaking their heads in disbelief at the crass incompetence of the home team.

Three more hours of soccer tomorrow may only serve to confirm that comparing the two teams is like equating a Formula One racing car with a go-kart.

The well-oiled Soviet machine purrs along under perfect control thanks to midfielders Zavarov, Vasily Rats and Litovchenko who show skills and subtlety of a kind never before seen in a Russian team.

## W. Germany retain Champions' Trophy

LAHORE, Pakistan, April 1. (Reuter): West Germany won the Champions' Trophy hockey tournament for the third successive time today, thanks to the number of goals they scored in the week-long event.

West Germany snatched the trophy from Pakistan, who had led the standings going into the final day but managed only a 1-1 draw against world champions Australia in their closing game.

The West Germans, who beat Britain 3-1 today, finished level with Olympic champions Pakistan on points and goal difference

but earned the trophy because they had scored two more goals than the home side — a total of 11.

Pakistan's young team had to be content with the silver medal while Australia, two points behind, finished third, just ahead of the Soviet Union.

## Equalised

West Germany's hero was late substitute Michael Hilgers, who came on when captain Heiner Dopp was injured with the teams at 1-1.

Hilgers scored twice within 10

minutes, first deflecting a shot from Stefan Bloch and then collecting a long pass from Carsten Fischer.

Britain had outplayed the West Germans for three-quarters of the match but scored only in the 51st minute when captain Richard Dodds put them ahead from a penalty corner.

The goal goaded West Germany into greater action and within one minute Fischer and equalised, again from a penalty corner.

Pakistan pleased a 20,000 crowd when they took the lead

against Australia in the 22nd minute, with a goal against the run of play by Mohammad Irfan.

Australian centre half Warren Birmingham equalised from his team's fifth penalty corner but Pakistan continued to threaten with quick breaks and had two late penalty corners which Mohib sent wide.

## Standings

(Tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against and points)	
West Germany	5 4 0 1 9 3 8
Pakistan	5 3 2 2 1 9 4 8
Australia	5 1 1 1 6 6 5
Soviets	5 1 1 3 4 10 3
Spain	5 0 0 5 3 11 0
Britain	

BRANDS HATCH, England, April 1. (AP): Two Kuwaiti soccer players return home

KUALA LUMPUR, April 1. (Kun): Two Kuwait football team players, Amber Saeed and Jaber Zanki, were injured while training for the Asia Cup qualifying soccer tournament and sent home yesterday.

Amber and Jaber were injured during one of the intensive training sessions being held under the Kuwait national team coach Miguel Pereira, a Brazilian.

Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, the chairman of the Kuwait Football Association, talking about the departure to Kuwait of the injured players, said: "We have sent the injured players home because we feel that the injuries to their muscles will not heal before the tournament starts on April 5. Sheikh Fahd announced that five more players would be joining the 20-man squad in Kuala Lumpur on April 5.

"Out of the 25 players, we will be selecting the best 20 for the tournament," Sheikh Fahd added.

## Recently

Commenting on Kuwait's chances in the qualifying tournament, Sheikh Fahd said: "As you know, our team lost in two tournaments recently, the Gulf tournament and the qualifiers for the Seoul Olympics.

"As a result the morale of our players was down. When we arrived here three days ago, we were uncertain whether our players would be able to perform well in their training sessions due to hot weather here and other problems.

"So our first aim is to boost their morale and confidence in order to get a good team."

Sheikh Fahd said after three days of concentrated training, the boys had shown very good fighting spirit.

"And now we are confident that they will put up a good fight and make everybody happy," he added.

## Watford seem set for relegation

WATFORD, England, April 1. (Reuter): Watford suffered their sixth defeat in seven games today, losing 1-0 to Queen's Park Rangers and virtually sealing their relegation after six years in the First Division.

Northern Ireland international Alan McDonald gave Rangers their fifth win in six outings when he picked up a half-hearted clearance by the Watford defence and scored in the 50th minute.

## Clash

Watford, who are last in the division, appealed unsuccessfully for a penalty after a clash between Paul Parker and Nigel Gibbs.

They failed to test Rangers' goalkeeper David Seaman and as they battled in vain for control of the match two players, internationals John McClelland and Kenny Jackett, were booked for fouls.

On Wednesday, two goals by the manager's son, Nigel Clough, gave Nottingham Forest a 2-1 victory over Derby County in English League soccer action, while Arsenal was held 0-0 by struggling Oxford United.

Over an extension to his contract, is ruled out with an Achilles tendon injury.

Derby, among a clutch of clubs scrapping for points in a bid to avoid relegation, include United old boy Frank Stapleton who scored 60 goals in a five-year spell at Old Trafford.

Chelsea, who have gone 20 matches without a win, welcome back Robbie Mustoe, who scored the first goal of League Cup finalists Arsenal.

Durie, scorer of 12 goals, has missed 12 games with a knee injury.

A capacity crowd of 35,500 is expected at the City ground for Nottingham Forest's match against Liverpool, who head the table by 14 points.

## Results

English Division One	
Notts Forest	2 Derby 1
Orford	0 Arsenal 1
Watford	0 QPR 1
Division Two	
Swindon	2 Bradford 2
Oldham	4 Blackburn 2
Scottish Premier	
Aberdeen	0 Celtic 1
Dundee U	5 St Mirren 1
Hearts	2 Dundee 0

## Kirkland and Eriksson take Safari Rally lead

NAIROBI, April 1. (Reuter): Kenya's Mike Kirkland and Kenneth Eriksson of Sweden took the lead in the Safari Rally today after mechanical problems on the drive up from the Indian Ocean port of Mombasa cost their rivals valuable time.

Kirkland, driving a Nissan 200SX, was first into Nairobi after 1,652 kms of the 4,220-km race with a time loss of 22 minutes.

## Joint

Eriksson, driving a Toyota Supra, arrived minutes later with the same time loss, giving him joint first place.

Many of the other drivers needed major overhauls on the drive through the treacherous Chyulu hills, with gearboxes and suspension systems the main victims of the rugged terrain.

Vic Preston Junior of Kenya, whose Lancia Delta was running in second place in the first half of today's section, did a quick gearbox change on the outskirts of Nairobi.

Brett stuns younger brother

MONACO, April 1. (Reuter): Australian Brett Martin upset the seedings and beat his younger brother Rodney in a tough and occasionally tempestuous duel yesterday to reach the quarter-finals of the Monaco Open squash tournament.

## Results

Jamshed Khan (Pakistan) beat Rodney Martin (Australia) 9-2 9-3 9-2.

Nairoi was in fourth place behind Finland's Juha Kankkunen in a Toyota Supra.

Defending champion Hannu Mikko of Finland dropped out after he punctured the radiator of his Opel Kadett GSi and Lars Erik Torp of Sweden, who earlier had been joint third, quit after spending an hour changing his clutch and gearbox.

Italian Miki Biasion, whose Lancia Delta led early today, also had a trying time. He spent 30 minutes fitting a new turbo system and, like teammate Preston, had a gearbox problem to wind up sixth behind Swede Per Eklund in a Nissan 200SX.

Leaders after 23 of 30 time controls:

1. Mike Kirkland (Kenya) Nissan 200SX 22 mins. 2. Kenneth Eriksson (Sweden) Toyota Supra 22; 3. Juha Kankkunen (Finland) Toyota Supra 23; 4. Vic Preston (Kenya) Delta 22; 5. Per Eklund (Sweden) Nissan 200SX 24; 6. Miki Biasion (Italy) Lancia Delta 52; 7. Ian Duncan (Kenya) Subaru 4WD Turbo 58; 8. Rudolf Stofl (Austria) Audi Quattro 1hr 34; 9. Bjorn Waldegard (Sweden) Toyota Supra 1:36; 10. Possum Bourne (New Zealand) Subaru 4WD Turbo 1:46.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Road race

NUSADUA, Indonesia, April 1. (Reuter): Liz Lynch McColligan of Britain, fresh from a record-breaking run in California, thinks a most lucrative world record is within her reach in the Bal 10 km road race on Sunday. A world record in the point-to-point race would bring the winner of either the men's or women's division a half-million-dollar bonus, and a star-studded field has been lured to this just-Indonesian resort island for the Easter Sunday race.

## World Cup

ROME, April 1. (Reuter): The site for an international broadcasting centre, the subject of a row which had threatened to jeopardise Italy's hosting of the 1990 World Cup soccer finals, won official backing today.

## Koeman fined

AMSTERDAM, April 1. (Reuter): Dutch First Division champions PS Eindhoven forward Ronald Koeman 10,000 guilders (\$5,400) today for his public praise of a foul of Bordeaux's Jean Tigana in a European Cup quarterfinal last month.

## English clubs

LONDON, April 1. (AP): Europe's governing body for soccer has postponed a decision on readmitting English clubs to European club tournaments, it was reported today.

## Rugby tour

DUBLIN, April 1. (Reuter): Ireland said today it would discourage its rugby players and officials from touring South Africa following the lifting of an International Rugby Board (IRB) ban on individuals playing there.

## Top places

BRANDS HATCH, England, April 1. (AP): Doug Polen led an American sweep of the top three places but Britain built a narrow lead in the team standings on the first day of the Euroleague Motorcycle Challenge.

## US boxing

COLORADO, April 1. (AP): Sugar Ray Leonard, a 1976 Olympic gold medal winner, will serve as adviser to the US Olympic boxing staff at the 1988 Summer Games.

## Terry Marsh

LONDON, April 1. (AP): Former world champion Terry Marsh accused Britain's Boxing Confraternity of racism yesterday for denying him a full-time promoter's license. Officials denied the charge and said Marsh had been dealt with "frankly and fairly."

## Golf tourney

GREENSBORO, North Carolina, April 1. (Reuter): American Jeff Sluman shot an eight-under-par 64 yesterday to take the first-round lead in the \$1 million Greater Greensboro Open golf tournament.

## Indian Open

CALCUTTA, April 1. (Reuter): Lu Chien-Soon of Taiwan fired seven birdies today to keep the lead in the \$100,000 Indian Open golf championship at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club.



Barcelona's British striker Gary Lineker holds up the Spanish Cup after his team's victory. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Alexanko helps Barcelona outlast Real Sociedad

MADRID, April 1. (Reuter):

International midfielder Ramon Calderon, brought on in place of Victor Mun